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Elba city leaders take oath of office

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council began a new administration on Monday morning with the swearing in of the mayor and five council members. Circuit Judge Tom Head swore in the city officials at the 8 a.m. ceremony.

For Mayor James Grimes and council members David Bandstra, Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond it was business as usual. Grimes and Hammond have already served two - four year terms, and the other two were entering into their second term. Councilmen Tom Hooks and Mike McKee were beginning their very first term in public office.

Refreshments with family members and other visitors followed the formality of taking the oath of office.

Monday evening the new governing body held an organizational meeting as necessitated by state law. It was a meeting without any surprises, as the group had held a work session



ELBA MAYOR JAMES GRIMES is shown taking the oath of office from Circuit Judge Tom Head on Monday of this week. Grimes is beginning his third term as Elba's mayor.

earlier and determined most of the board appointments. In this meeting the city clerk, police chief, auditors and city attorney were formally hired. Also, several board appointments were made.

The council will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond was again named to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem, a position

he has held for the past eight years. In this position Hammond will step in to fill the position of mayor whenever Grimes is unavailable. Hammond was also named as a secondary check signer for the City of Elba. Elba checks require

two signatures and if either one of the other authorized signers is out of pocket, Hammond will step up and complete the transaction.

Brunson, Wilkerson, Bowden, of Enterprise, was selected to continue as the auditor firm for the City of Elba.

Wayne Grantham was retained as City Clerk and Ronnie Whitworth was again named Police Chief. Jeff Kelley will continue as City Attorney.

Mike McKee, Ronnie Hammond and David Bandstra were named to the Elba Water and Electric Board. McKee will also serve on the Cemetery Board while Bandstra will also serve on the Coffee County E-911 Board and represent Elba on the board of EMS, the emergency medical organization serving Elba and West Coffee County.

Tom Hooks will serve on the Recreation Board and as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Harold Spicer was named to serve on the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board.

Both local banks will continue to serve as depositories of city funds.



Elba City Councilmen Tom Hooks, David Bandstra, Mike McKee, Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond as show taking the oath of office on Monday of this week. They are beginning a four year term in office.

Commission votes to apply for grant for senior center building at Zion Chapel

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Sept. 27, to apply for a grant to build a new senior citizen's center building for Zion Chapel, but the motion did not go over without some discontent.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook, who's district the center is located, asked commissioners to approve a motion to apply for the grant. She said currently the center is being operated out of an old mobile classroom that was donated to the county.

Westbrook said construction of a new building would bring the Zion Chapel Center up-to-date with the other centers located throughout the county.

If approved, Westbrook said the grant would be for approximately

\$175,000 with the county's match portion being approximately \$36,000.

The motion received a second from commissioner Jessie Lewis and passed by a 4-3 vote. Those voting in favor included Westbrook, Lewis, Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks. Casting the opposing votes were commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Jim Thompson and Tom Grimsley.

The only commissioner voicing a concern was Dalrymple. He asked where the money would come from for the county's match portion.

Commissioners also voted during the meeting to declare the month of October as World Hunger Month for Coffee County. Commissioners signed a proclamation making the declaration official.



JUST THE RIGHT SIZE...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Sept. 30, celebrating the new location of Lower Alabama Girls on the square in downtown Elba. The clothing store recently re-opened at its new location on the square and offers a wide variety of fashions for women, misses and juniors. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Junior Miss Elba Kendall Sunson, Mary McMillan, Mary Gray, Little Miss Elba Emilee Hudson, Bill and JoAnn Driggers, Future Little Miss Elba Madelyn Kelley, Verbie Herring, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Lisa Hanchey - owner/operator, Avery Hanchey, Greg Hanchey, Seth Hanchey, Doris Matthews, Ashley Harrelson, Miss Elba Lyndsay Lawford and Herby McCall.

County youngsters get feel for farm life...



Excitement filled the air earlier this week as many Coffee County youngsters visited the 2004 Farm City Week Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits at the Coffee County Farm Center complex in New Brockton. The annual event was held Tuesday, Oct. 5, and Wednesday, Oct. 6, with more than 1,000 children from the local schools and daycares expected to visit. Of course, a major attraction for this event is watching how the youngsters react to the various farm animals, but it also serves as a wonderful teaching tool for the children. Several high school FFA members from the local schools assist event coordinators each year including New Brockton High School FFA member John Sawyer (above). John spent the majority of his time Tuesday morning lifting children on and off a tractor made available for the event by the Town of New Brockton. Here, John stands close by as Emma Gunnells, daughter of Tim and Kristin Gunnells of Elba, takes her turn "driving." As the 2004 Farm City Week nears, there will be more and more activities held throughout the county allowing those who work daily in the agricultural field to join forces with those who work in the urban industry.

New Brockton mayor/council members take oath of office

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The new administration for the Town of New Brockton for the next four years officially took office Monday evening, Oct. 4, prior to the regular monthly meeting for the town council.

District Judge John Dowling administered the oath of office for the mayor and council members. Those taking office included: Charles Cole, mayor; Johnnie Herron, district one council person; Vicky Harrison, district two council person; Cal Donnia Howard, district three council person; Richard Driskell, district four council person; and Jeffery White, district five council person.

Following the oath of office, the new council jumped right into business as they conducted their first monthly council meeting.

The council began its tenure by making several organizational appointments.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Charles Cole, the council approved the appointment of councilman Johnnie Herron as

the Mayor Pro-Tempore for the city. Herron also served in this capacity the past four years.

The council voted to accept

Family members watch as New Brockton mayor/council accepts oath of office.

the New Brockton Code of Ordinances as the governing doctrine for this administration. In doing this, the council established the first Monday of each month as the official meeting date for the town council.

Annette Williams was reappointed as parliamentarian for the town. She also was reappointed to her position as the town clerk.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County temporarily was chosen as the town's depository. Cole said the council will discuss this at the next working session to make official at the next town council meeting.

The mayor also made several committee appointments including: Councilman Herron will serve on the Zoning and Building committee, Board of Adjustments and he will assist the mayor with the street department; Councilwoman Harrison will serve on the Parks, Recreation and Beautification committees and the Water Board; Councilwoman Howard will serve on the Beautification and Senior Citizen committees; Councilman White will serve on the Water Board and Planning

Area Happenings

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SPONSOR A TAILGATE PARTY/TIGER WALK Thursday, Oct. 7, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School parking lot. All Elba Tiger fans and supporters are encouraged to wear school colors, and everyone should bring their own lawn chair and food for the tailgate party. WZZT will have a live remote on location. **THE TIGER WALK** will begin at 7 p.m. as the football players, cheerleaders, band members and fans make their way to the annual Homecoming pep rally/bonfire. All fans are encouraged to make signs for the Tiger Walk displaying their school spirit.

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 8, with the Elba Tigers hosting the New Brockton Gamecocks. Also, the Kinston Bulldogs will host McKenzie, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Pleasant Home and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Florida.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE will be October 8, at 3:00 p.m. - to submit entries please contact Elba High School @ 897-3266. **DEADLINE TO ENTER IS THURSDAY, OCT. 7.**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL, the Class of 1980 invites all graduates, staff and former staff to an open house at the school's auditorium at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, (before the homecoming football game).

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Coffee County native Ed Mullins (or Dr. Edward Mullins), Behringer Distinguished Professor of Communications at the University of Alabama, received the Alabama Sunshine Forum Award on Sept. 30 for his contributions to Freedom of Information in Alabama as founding co-chairman of the Alabama Center for Open Government. He has been gone from Coffee County a long time, but it may jog some memories to remember that he is the son of the late Coffee County Engineer Leslie Mullins. His dad was a class act and the son has followed and maintained those high standards. Our daughter had some classes under him at the University, thus we know he expects these same standards from his students. Baseball fans might remember that Ed was also a better than average baseball player and as a teenager he toyed a bit with taking a swing at professional baseball. We are flattered Ed Mullins allows us to call him "our friend."

Yep, we watched the first presidential debate last week. Regrettably there was not one thing we heard that hadn't been said (and/or fine tuned) dozens of times before. Add to that the TV reporters telling us what we had just heard and the continued rehearsing, even this morning before breakfast. The watching was to be able to discuss the issues presented but we are rethinking that business, as there was nothing new plus all the rehearsing.

The debate did not change our opinion, since the goal was not to select a captain of the debating team. However, we agree with the critics that Kerry made the best appearance. Repeatedly President Bush missed a chance to chop his opponent to pieces. We still are amazed that every time Kerry was critical of the war effort, shortages of equipment, poor intelligence, etc., Bush didn't point out that repeatedly Senator Kerry had voted against additional funding for these efforts, dating back into the 1990's. Oh well, our life will go on whichever way the worm turns on election day.

Our grandchildren were in Elba this past weekend and the place for them to come in again Friday for a few days. (Oh, their parents and our other children were here also). We told Paul King this week that the only down side to continuing to work is that it limits our time with the grandchildren. He rubbed it in a bit with detailed reports on taking his grandchildren on a Disney cruise, fishing in the Pacific Ocean, etc. Things got a bit edgy Saturday evening as our son-in-law Tom is an avid Alabama fan and our oldest son Chris is an even more avid Auburn fan. With both teams on the tube in overlapping time slots, one TV is not enough. Chris had extracted a promise that he could watch the Auburn game one before Hedy and I realized both teams were playing at the same time. Anyway, a not so good first half of Alabama and checking back during Auburn time outs settled the issue to everyone's satisfaction.

BULLETIN BOARD

- ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGHOUT THE CITY
- B.M.S. addiction-recovery ministry services - Thurs 7-9 p.m. - Tro Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.bmst.com
- SOCIAL SECURITY - REP. Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call 565-1300-772-121
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- GRIFF SUPPORT GROUP - Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side in W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex at New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 6:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTER ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 27, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one damage to property, one sexual abuse, four theft of property, two criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, two harassment, one dog bite and one harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for disorderly conduct and one for resisting arrest.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for no tag, two for driving with

a suspended driver's license, one for no insurance, two for not wearing a seat belt, three for speeding, two for no proof of insurance and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPT. 27 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire at Quality Wood Works (12:50 p.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 1611 Claxton Ave. (7:19 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 873 County Rd. 345 (11:44 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28 - River stage - 6.39 feet (6:58 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Dollar General Store (5:32 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29 - River stage - 6.39 feet (7:00 a.m.). Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 - River stage - 6.20 feet (7:00 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched

to 1951 Taylor Mill Rd. (10:41 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to Reese Ave. (8:10 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 167 (9:31 p.m.). Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1606 Powell Circle, Lot 24 (10:03 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 103 Adkison Ave. (5:12 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1209 Farris Ave. (7:40 a.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 2 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Elba Shell Food Mart (7:53 a.m.). Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at the intersection of Hwy. 87 S. and Hwy. 84 E. (12:09 p.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 608 Martin Luther King Dr. (4:18 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 12 County Rd. 106 (11:54 a.m.).

TOWN

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and Zoning committee; Councilman Diskell will serve on the Fire Department committee, and the mayor will continue to work with the police department.

In other business, the council, * Set the hours for Halloween trick-or-treating. This will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

* Mayor Cole reported that the town had approximately \$50,000 of damage from Hurricane Ivan. He said FEMA has promised help for the city.

* Barbara Herron announced the town's Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. She said the parade has received good participation in the past, and she is looking for even better participation this year.

* The Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 11, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Elba Tiger Fans:

I am writing in concern of the Elba Tiger Football team.

I believe the fans of Elba have lost the true meaning of an Elba Tiger Football Fan. The definition of fan is an enthusiastic devotee or admirer of a sport, entertainment, performer, etc.

I think the Elba Tigers (Coaches and Players) are what we as Elba Tiger Fans are supposed to be enthusiastic about.

Just keep complaining fans and victory will never be yours. When it comes it will belong to the players and coaches because you will not have done anything to deserve it.

I personally would like to thank the coaches and players for a wonderful job that have done so far. You, as players and coaches, need to keep up the good work. The victories will be yours, and maybe along the way you can get a little bit of help from your true Elba Tiger Fans.

So fans let's try and root these tigers through the rest of the season.

A True Elba Tiger Fan,
Tom Hooks

The members of Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 and I wish to thank everyone who supported the troop's drive to raise money to fight leukemia. Your generosity warmed our hearts and was especially meaningful to Robyn Rhoades Wilborn in whose honor the drive was done.

While many of the girl scouts had participated in cancer fundraisers before, it was a new experience for them to so in honor of one of their own. While they do not remember Robyn as a baby fighting to survive, they do remember "the pretty girl with the red hair who was the Homecoming Queen" and a

member of Troop 300.

I am enclosing the letter the troop received from Robyn's husband which is a beautifully written tribute to his wife and to everyone whose life has been touched by cancer.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Cannon
Senior Troop 300 leader

Dear Friends,
Robyn and I have just gotten back from our half marathon in Virginia Beach. We're a little sore but doing very well. We had a wonderful time and just wanted to take a minute to say thanks to all of you that took part in such a wonderful event. The response to our letter writing campaign was truly awesome. We had no idea we would receive the kind of support that we have. We would like to thank you for your words of encouragement and your willingness to share stories of loved ones who have fought similar battles with blood related cancers and other diseases from diabetes to multiple sclerosis. Together you helped us smash our goal of \$6,000 by raising \$8,000 for the Society. We were amazed and VERY grateful!

In all, 12,785 participants competed in the race. While Robyn and I did not set any records, we did run the entire race and finished together. We were just two of the 600 people from across the country raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through Team in Training (TNT). Altogether, the TNT participants helped to raise 1.2 million dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in this event alone. This summer the Team in Training program surpassed the \$100 million mark in total money raised since the program's inception in 1988. The ever-increasing number of purple shirts (the official uniform of TNT participants) competing in endurance events around the world is truly an awesome thing to behold, and it is

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four children, a woman and what had once been a man... In a few minutes I was surrounded by at least 200 of such phantoms, such frightful specters as no words can describe. By far the greater number were delicious either from famine or fever... Within 500 yards of the Cavalry Station at Skibbereen, the dispensary doctor found seven wretched

es lying, unable to move, under the same cloak - one had been dead many hours, but the others were unable to move, either themselves or the corpse.

These were the effects of An Gorta Mor, The Great Famine. It started in the fall of 1845, when a strange and dreadful disease killed nearly half of Ireland's potato crop. Tenant farmers, who depended on the crop to feed their families, watched as leaves wilted, potatoes blackened, and their families went hungry.

The next year was worse. Nearly the entire crop was destroyed, and people began to starve. The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, established a commission to study the problem. As they studied, people were dying. Then, as the winter of 1846 approached, cholera visited the country.

Gerald Keegan, a strong and intelligent young man, lived in County Sligo with his wife Aileen. By the end of 1846, he had seen enough. He decided to flee and found passage for he and his wife on one of the many boats carrying

immigrants to the New World. Bound for Quebec City, they escaped the famine, but not the disease that followed them onto their ship.

Gerald and Aileen never made it to Quebec City. Aileen got sick so the captain of the ship left them on Grosse Ile, an island in the St. Lawrence River that served as a quarantine station for immigrants.

Unlike most of the immigrants, Gerald had learned to read and write. Once they reached the island, Aileen's condition worsened. According to Gerald's diary,

"It was evening when the doctor, yielding to my importunities, came to see her. He did not stay a minute and writing a few lines told me to go to the hospital steward; who would give me some medicine... The fourth day, with bursting heart and throbbing head, I knelt by the corpse of my Aileen... The island was now filled with sick emigrants, and death was on every side. I dug her grave, the priest came. I laid her there, I filled it in, I staggered to the shed that had sheltered us, I fell from sheer exhaustion, and remember no more."

They buried Gerald beside Aileen in the Irish Cemetery on Grosse Ile. If you like you can visit them. Find out more about The Great Famine. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week: Choosing a President

Interpreting the Irish Famine: 1846 - 1850

Compiled by Liz Szabo of the University of Virginia, this resource offers a number of primary source documents about the famine. Included are photographs, drawings, newspaper articles, speeches, and Gerald Keegan's diary.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/3p49r>

Written in 1998 by Patrick Abbott, this resource tells the story of Irish famine in three sections. Sections focus on conditions in Ireland before the famine, the famine itself, and its long-term effects on the country.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/3papt>

BBC History - The Irish Famine

Divided into eight parts, this resource examines the famine and its effects from a British perspective. In addition to a detailed examination of the famine, its causes, and the effects on Ireland, the author questions what responsibility, if any, the British government bears for failing to act more quickly.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/5mfhy>

Obituaries

GLADYS FULLER CARR

Mrs. Gladys (Fuller) Carr, age 90, a lifelong resident of the Zion Chapel Community died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004 at Elba General Hospital in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2004 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Maddox, Rev. Joel Jackson, Rev. Mark Griffin and Rev. William Goodson officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

"Miss Gladys" as she was affectionately called, was born the eldest of seven children to Joe and Mary Smith Fuller on Feb. 3, 1914. She attended the Zion Chapel one-room schoolhouse. Until her death, she was the oldest active member of Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carr was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Nathaniel Carr; a daughter, Dorothy Merle Jackson; a granddaughter, Brenda Gail Jackson; two brothers, Eugene and Harold Fuller; one sister, Joy Bragg; and a son-in-law, Billy Paul Owens.

Survivors include one son, Jack (Kate) Carr, Troy, Ala.; four daughters, Merlene Owens and Edna (Tommy) Morrow, Elba, Sue Jackson, Atlanta, Ga., Dorothy Parker, Troy, one sister, Clara Wambles, Enterprise, Ala.; two brothers, Jessie Hayes Fuller, Elba, Malcolm Fuller, Enterprise; six grandchildren;

Kathy Carr (Rick) Woodfin, Dothan, Ala.; Karen Carr (Daniel) Peters and Karla Carr (Dennis) Park, both of Troy, Lynn (Danny) Weeks and Ken Owens, both of Elba, Krysti Owens (Shane), Atlanta; 12 great-grandchildren: Tiffany Parker, Montgomery, Tasba (Mike) Rhodes, Carmen (Kenneth) Harris, Abbey Peters, Jace Colley, Landon Park and Tucker Park, all of Troy, Nathan Peters, San Francisco, Calif., Patrick Woodfin, Auburn, Ala., Christina Cook (Tom) Anderson, Enterprise, Jimbo Cook, Elba; four great-great-grandchildren: Preston Rhodes, Clayton Hester, Aubree Harris, all of Troy, and Parker Loren Hunter, Montgomery.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2004 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Survivors include four daughters: Dorothy Ray, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Peggy Hicks, Niceville, Tammy Davis, Tyler, Texas, and Vickie Webster, Freeport, Fla.; one son, Rex Spurlin; three sisters: Una V. Mixon, Elkhart, Texas; Nell Pittman and Sara Spurlin, both of Tyler; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Marie Hensley, Elba; one step son, James Edger, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two step daughters: Ann Johnson, Orlando, Fla., and Christine King, Apopka, Fla.

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SPORTS

Views from... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last week was more than a little hectic around the Mularz house as Mom was in the hospital for three days and that meant Dad had to drive the family taxi around to make certain our youngest made it on time back and forth to school, volleyball practice, cheerleader practice, volleyball matches and the football game on Friday night. I got up early to make sure she had time to get her shower, get dressed and grab a bite to eat before school each day, and then tried to keep up with her schedule while visiting the hospital every chance I got, not to mention handling my usual daily schedule at work. Since the clothes dryer died during the week it also meant that some of the girls' clothes had to dry overnight while hanging from ceiling fans and then be ironed the next morning. Oh well, Mom did get back home late Saturday and the new dryer is working great. So, maybe this week the chaos will at least be organized!

TIGERS REMAIN WINLESS WITH BIG ROAD LOSS

There is an old saying in athletics that a team is never as good as you think when it wins and never as bad as you think when it loses. I hope the latter is true, because last week in Elba's 43-6 loss to Houston County I left the stadium thinking Elba was really bad!

The offense gave the ball away seven times on four pass interceptions and three fumbles, while the defense rarely slowed down the Houston County blockers as they ran for almost 10 yards a carry. After five games the Elba offense is averaging 25 points a game, but has turned the ball over 21 times on 14 interceptions and 7 fumbles, and in the last three games the Elba passing game has connected on only 23 of 58 passes with 11 interceptions. The Tigers did have some success running the football at times early in the season. However, that too has come to an end as in the past two weeks Elba's running game has accounted for only 12 yards on 42 carries. The defense has allowed over 40 points a game through five games and almost 370 yards per game in total offense, and while Elba's offense has committed 21 turnovers, the defense has come up with only 9 turnovers of its own. I know some people say stats are for losers, but in the case of Elba this season the stats make it pretty clear just why the Tigers are 0-5 at the midway point of the season.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY BIG WEEK ON GRIDIRON

The sixth week of the season was the best by far for the teams in the area as three of the four teams posted wins, with the only team that lost losing to another area foe. Here is a quick look back at last week's action.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (4-1)** - The Gamecocks made a huge statement to every other team in the region that they are contenders for the region title by claiming an exciting 27-24 win over Cottonwood. New Brockton stood at 1-1 a few weeks back after a 35-0 region loss to Houston County and many thought the Gamecocks had one foot in the grave, but Coach Shannon Clark just went back to work even harder than before and despite sitting out a couple of starters one week for disciplinary reasons has now won three straight games and is 2-1 in the region standings. Hard work always pays off, and if you don't believe it just ask the Gamecocks!

*** **BRANTLEY (5-0)** - The Bulldogs jumped out to a big lead early and coasted in with a lopsided 46-7 win over Kinston. Brantley led 20-0 after only five minutes of play and was never threatened in remaining undefeated on the season. While the Bulldog backs sat out most of the game and didn't do much to pad their stats, it was a game that gave the reserves a chance to gain some valuable experience and one that everyone dressed out in green enjoyed.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (1-4)** - The Rebels got in the win column with a big 33-13 romp past Goshen and all of the sudden the Rebels look like a team ready to make a run at a playoff berth. Zion Chapel had struggled through its opening four games and had shown few signs of marked improvement, but Friday night the Rebels simply lined up and ran over around the Eagles as they took complete command of the line scrimmage. Zion Chapel is still a long way from being a state title contender, but the win should work wonders and help the players and coaches stay focused as the season heads into the home stretch.

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*** **KINSTON (0-5)** - The Bulldogs were simply no match for the talented Bulldogs from Brantley and took it on the chin 46-7 to remain winless on the season. Kinston managed to move the chains only twice and gained a total of 28 yards in the loss, and even though the opponent was one of the best teams in the state in 1A circles, the lack of offense and lopsided score had to hurt the Bulldogs' pride. Kinston must forget the last five weeks and look ahead on its schedule to some teams it can play with confidence can work wonders and that is what the Bulldogs seem to be lacking.

HIGH SCHOOL SEASON TAKES A FEW TURNS

The high school football season wrapped up its sixth week last weekend and while some of the top teams did little but add to their luster, others stumbled a bit and must now look to regroup in a hurry. Here is a quick look back.

*** Enterprise saw its four game winning streak come to an abrupt end with a 20-14 upset loss to Auburn. The Wildcats had rolled past their opening four opponents and many felt like the 'Cats were on their way to Birmingham, but in athletics a team is often only as good as its last performance, and if that is the case the Wildcats must start over again and try to regain the edge they once had.

*** Opp continued its recent struggles with a 20-11 loss to Ashford. The Bobcats were thought to be one of the teams to beat in region play after a big 42-0 romp past Daleville, but since that win Opp has lost big to Straughn and last week dropped a region contest to an Ashford team that had been mediocre at best. The Bobcats were probably a little over-rated after their early season wins, and now must work hard just to have a winning season.

*** Laverne made it clear that it was the team to beat in its region as it clobbered previously undefeated G.W. Long 37-6. The Tigers of Coach Mike Dubose have one of the most fundamentally sound teams in any class and they do little to beat themselves each and every time they take the field. While Laverne may not be quite as good as last season, don't tell them, because they are convinced they can beat anybody they line up against on any given night.

*** Pike County improved to 4-1 and moved to 3-0 in region play with a big 41-0 win over Abbeville, and all of the sudden the Bulldogs are looking like anything but a team that is in a rebuilding year. Coach Wayne Grant had only one starter back from a year ago and many thought this was the year the Bulldogs would get paid back for the whippings they had put on folks in the past. Hey, Pike County is still Pike County!

*** T.R. Miller and Slocomb locked horns in a battle of unbeaten 3A region foes last week over in Slocomb and the Red Tops found out first hand just what T.R. Miller is all about as the Tigers rolled to a 35-20 win. Miller scored on all four of its first half possessions to take a big lead and coasted in with the win to let everyone know the boys from Brewton have their sites set on another state title.

*** Geneva beat defending 4A state champ Trinity everywhere but on the scoreboard last week in a 17-13 loss to the top-ranked Wildcats. The Panthers had over 200 yards in offense and held Trinity to only a pair of first downs, but Trinity used some big plays on defense to put points on the scoreboard and held on to escape with the win. There is no such thing as a moral victory down in Geneva, but the Panthers should know now for sure they are a very good 4A team.

*** and, up in Montgomery the ex-"Big Boys" of 6A football continued to take their lumps as Robert E. Lee fell to 0-5 with a 45-13 loss to Spain Park and Jeff Davis continued its struggles with a 34-6 defeat at the hands of Prattville. As Montgomery's many private schools get better and better the public schools get worse and worse!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Many Elba fans recognized the voice of Foyel Brunson last week as the ninth address announcement at Houston County, and Foyel had a good time getting on some of the Elba fans while trying to get them to buy chances on some Alabama and Auburn goodies being given away by the booster club. He told me before the game he was in a "no lose" situation since he was from Elba and was doing the PA for Houston County, and even though he had much more fun as a Lion fan, it is always great to meet a friend when you are a long way from home.

*** Most Alabama fans are ready to show Mike Shula the way back to Miami after last week's embarrassing 20-3 loss to South Carolina. The Crimson Tide was 3-0 just two short weeks ago and most felt the Tide would cruise to a 6-0 record, but since the loss of Brodie Croyle, the Tide has turned up in Tuscaloosa and now Alabama is 3-2 with a road game ahead to Kentucky. If the Tide loses to the lowly Wildcats Shula's days at Alabama may very well be numbered.

*** Auburn put on quite a show up in Knoxville last week and is now a heavy favorite to win the SEC West and possibly run the table and go 11-0 on the season. The Tigers have matured much quicker than anyone thought possible this season and after two months already have wins over LSU and Tennessee on their resume. I know that Coach Tuberville is famous for losing games that he should win, but this season it may take even more than one of his mistakes to hang a loss on the Tigers.

*** The Major League baseball playoffs are underway and while I still have my doubts about the Braves, I am sure I will watch them as much as possible as they try to avoid another post-season col-

lapse. If the Braves pitchers can stay consistent and the few hitters they have can come through, maybe Atlanta can surprise me and hang around for a while. Nah!

*** The Elba Youth Football League teams all posted wins over Kinston last weekend and after three weeks all three teams are still undefeated in their division of the Little Tri-County League. The teams all have 2-1 overall records and have some tough games ahead, but so far this has been one of the best seasons in years as all three teams have given their supporters plenty to cheer about. Great job, and keep up the good work.

*** In closing... Elba Supt. of Education Danny Weeks stated last week that on Oct. 22 at the Elba-Samson football game the field at Elba's Tiger Stadium would officially become "Mack Wood Field." Coach Wood led the Tigers to two state championships and two runner-up finishes during his coaching career at Elba High and retired ten years ago as the winningest coach in the history of Elba Tiger football. Coach Wood deserved much more than a simple pat on the back when he retired, and this honor is way past due.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by late Sunday afternoon and was still fussing and fuming about Elba's lopsided loss to Houston County. The local guesstest put the loss in the same vein as Elba's 61-0 loss to Andalusia back in the mid 70's and stated unless something changed very soon the record of nine losses in a season may be in jeopardy. He did leave picks for this week and before he left the building managed a forced smile when told he hit on 23 of 29 picks last week and stood at 101-29 for the season. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. NEW BROCKTON

The Pea River felines crawled back across the bridge into town late Friday night with their tails tucked between their legs after a lopsided loss to Houston County, and this week have to try and figure out a way to sneak up on a bunch of Gamecocks from across the county that have sharpened their claws in recent weeks and appear to be almost unstoppable. The felines could lose a lot of fur if the Gamecocks see 'em coming. So, the only plan of attack that might work is a surprise attack.

ELBA 24 NEW BROCKTON 20

KINSTON VS. MCKENZIE

The Bulldogs from down near the county line got chased out of Crenshaw County last week and now must try and regroup before some Tigers from up in Butler County find their way to town. This is one game the 'Dogs had circled before the season kicked off, as a possible win, and if they can grow some teeth between now and Friday night they might just have a chance. My guess is....

KINSTON 22 MCKENZIE 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Rebels from up around Jack ambushed Goshen last week and posted their first win of the season, while this week the troops will head off to lower Covington County to hunt more Eagles. Word is the birds from down in the woods are a different breed from the ones they feasted on last week, and that may spell bad news for the Rebels as they try to make it two wins in a row.

PLEASANT HOME 29 ZION CHAPEL 21

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The Bulldogs from across the river barely even broke a sweat last week in winning their fifth straight game and this week will head down near the state line to try and chase down a batch of Wildcats that have been making a lot of noise. The 'Dogs will have to work up a sweat this week to take home a win, but a little sweat never hurt anyone.

BRANTLEY 34 FLORALA 16

OTHER PICKS:

Ariton 40 Goshen 12
Houston County 30 Cottonwood 16
Red Level 15 Excel 14
Georgiana 32 Flomaton 6
Geneva County 36 Samson 26
Houston Academy 31 Wickburg 13
G.W. Long 28 Horseshoe Bend 7
Laverne 34 Beulah 12
W.S. Neal 38 Abbeville 18
Alabama Christian 27 Barbour County 8
Pike County 34 Dale County 14
T.R. Miller 42 Headland 6
Straughn 24 Slocomb 17
Andalusia 27 Hillcrest 8
Geneva 21 Ashford 3
Daleville 33 Bullock County 14
St. James 17 Rehobeth 15
Carroll 27 Greenville 13
Stanhope Elmore 21 Eufaula 7
Charles Henderson 35 Russell County 7
Dothan 23 Auburn 14
Prattville 24 Carver 14
Enterprise 21 Ruetherford 10
Smiths Station 17 Northview 16

Record slips to 1-3

Elba Junior High Tigers blanked by Zion Chapel 20-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers saw their record slip to 1-3 last Monday night with a 20-0 loss to the Zion Chapel Junior Rebels in Elba.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play to open the game and marched 65 yards in only three plays to grab an early lead. Joey Jones got the call on all three plays for the Rebels and scored the touchdown on a 48-yard gallop. Matt Brunson passed to Chase Perkins for the two-point conversion and with 6:44 left in the first quarter Zion Chapel owned a quick 8-0 lead.

Elba showed signs of life on its initial offensive series and behind the running of Dekel Berry moved to three first downs. Berry gained 39 yards on four carries as the Tigers moved to a first down at the Rebel 23-yardline. However, the Tigers lost a fumble on a first down play and the scoring threat went by the board.

Elba's Martin McCormick

nailed Jones for a 7-yard loss on a fourth down play to stop the Rebels' next scoring threat at the Tiger 35-yardline, and the Elba defense forced a three and out on Zion Chapel's next possession as the Rebels' lead remained at 8-0.

Zion Chapel began a possession at the Rebel 33-yardline with 3:03 left in the half and covered the 67 yards to the endzone in only four plays to add to its advantage. Luke Peters gained 56 yards on just two carries on the quick scoring drive and scored the touchdown on a 39-yard run, and although the two-point conversion failed, the Rebels' lead moved to 14-0 with 1:00 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba put the ball in play to begin the third quarter and quickly moved across midfield on a 25-yard pass from Trey Martin to Bobby Hudson, but the drive stalled after reaching the Rebel 43-yardline and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the quarter, but got the ball back at its own 40-yardline with 21 remaining in the quarter and marched 60 yards in 12 plays to score the final points of the night. A 15-yard pass from Matt Brunson to John Baker was a key play in the scoring march, while Joey Jones gained 27 yards on seven carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. The two-point run failed and with :58 remaining on the clock the Rebels had the win well in hand with a 20-0 lead.

Elba threatened to get on the scoreboard in the closing seconds of the game and moved to the Zion Chapel 26-yardline on a 24-yard run by Dekel Berry and a Zion Chapel penalty.

However, the Tigers got no closer than the Rebel 24 and at the final horn the Rebels had the win 20-0.

Dekel Berry gained 69 yards on 8 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Joey Jones led the Rebels with 131 yards and 2



Elba Jr. Tiger Martin McCormick (78) stops a Zion Chapel runner for a big loss on a key fourth down play in last week's 20-0 loss to the Junior Rebels.

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Mauled by Lions 43-6

Tigers in tailspin

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers, saw their football fortunes go from bad to worse Friday night as they traveled to Columbia and absorbed a 43-6 beating at the hands of the Houston County Lions.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-5, 0-3 in region play, while Houston County upped its record to 5-0 with the win and moved to 3-0 in region action. Houston County got on the scoreboard on its first possession as the Lions drove 49 yards in six plays following a pass interception by the Lions' Chavis Reeves. Seabron Barber gained 28 yards on three carries on the scoring drive, while Tavares Black added 20 yards on just two carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. Reeves ran in the two-point conversion and with 7:30 remaining in the first quarter the Lions were on top 8-0.

Houston County began its next offensive series at its own 34-yardline after an Elba punt and this time marched 66 yards in eight plays to add to its early advantage. Tavares Black gained 29 yards on five carries to spark the long scoring drive, while Seabron Barber added 47 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 34-yard dash. Reeves again ran in the two-point conversion and with 4:41 left in the opening quarter the Lions lead stood at 16-0.

The Elba offense set the Lions up at the Tigers' 21-yardline after a fumble on a fourth down play resulted in a 29-yard loss, but this time the Elba defense refused to let the Lions back into the endzone, and with the aid of 17 yards in penalties regained possession way back at the Elba 40-yardline.

The Elba offense came to life on its ensuing possession and covered the 60 yards to the endzone in only four plays to cut into the Houston County lead. A 19-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams got the drive off to a fast start, while the key play in the scoring drive was a 38-yard pass from Kelley to Mason Guley that moved the Tigers to the Houston County 1-yardline. Kelley scored on a 1-yard sneak, and even though a two-point pass fell incomplete, the Tigers had cut the Lions' lead to 16-6 with 5:00 remaining in the second quarter.

Houston County began its ensuing possession at its own 43-yardline and needed only one play to answer the Elba touchdown, as on first down Seabron Barber reached the sidelines and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. Chavis Reeves passed to Clay Sellers for the two-point conversion and with 4:30 left in the quarter Houston County's lead was up to 24-6.

Elba took the ensuing kickoff and quickly moved to a first down at the Houston County 35-yardline behind the running of Kiklo Logan and Brandon Kelley. However, after moving to the Lions' 28-yardline a fumble stopped the scoring threat and at intermission Houston County went in with a 24-6 advantage.

The Tigers got a break early in the third quarter when they recovered a Houston County fumble to turn back a scoring threat at the Elba 7-yardline, but the turnover only delayed the game's next touchdown as two plays later the Lions' Chavis Reeves stepped in front of an Elba pass and returned the interception 42 yards for a touchdown. Seabron Barber kicked the extra-point and with 7:13 left in the third quarter Houston County's lead was up to 31-6.

Houston County's next possession began at the Elba 11-yardline after the Lions' John Young intercepted a pass and returned it 22 yards. A penalty on first down backed the Lions up 10 yards, but it made no difference as on the next snap Chavis Reeves took an inside handoff and burst through the Elba defense on a 22-yard touchdown run. A two-point pass fell incomplete, but with 3:40 remaining in the third quarter Houston County was in complete command with a 37-6 lead.

Elba's offense came back to life on its next series and behind the running of Kiklo Logan moved to a first down at the Houston County 29-yardline. However, the Tigers bogged down after 28-yard drive and saw the scoring threat end when on fourth down the Lions' Devin Fluker intercepted another Elba aerial.

Houston County was forced to punt for the only time in the game on its next possession, but the Tigers made yet another costly mistake on the punt as the short kick rolled into an Elba player and was recovered by the Lions at the Elba 37-yardline.

Houston County needed only four plays to cover the 37 yards to the endzone, with Seabron Barber getting the score on a 16-yard run. The extra-point try sailed low, and with 7:15 left on the clock Houston County was already celebrating as the Lions owned a big 43-6 lead.

Houston County got the ball back with 4:10 remaining in the game at its own 43-yardline and headed back down the field behind the running of Chavis Reeves and Seabron Barber, but a penalty slowed the drive, and on fourth down Barber was stopped short of first down yardage as at the final horn Houston County settled for the 43-point victory over the Tigers.

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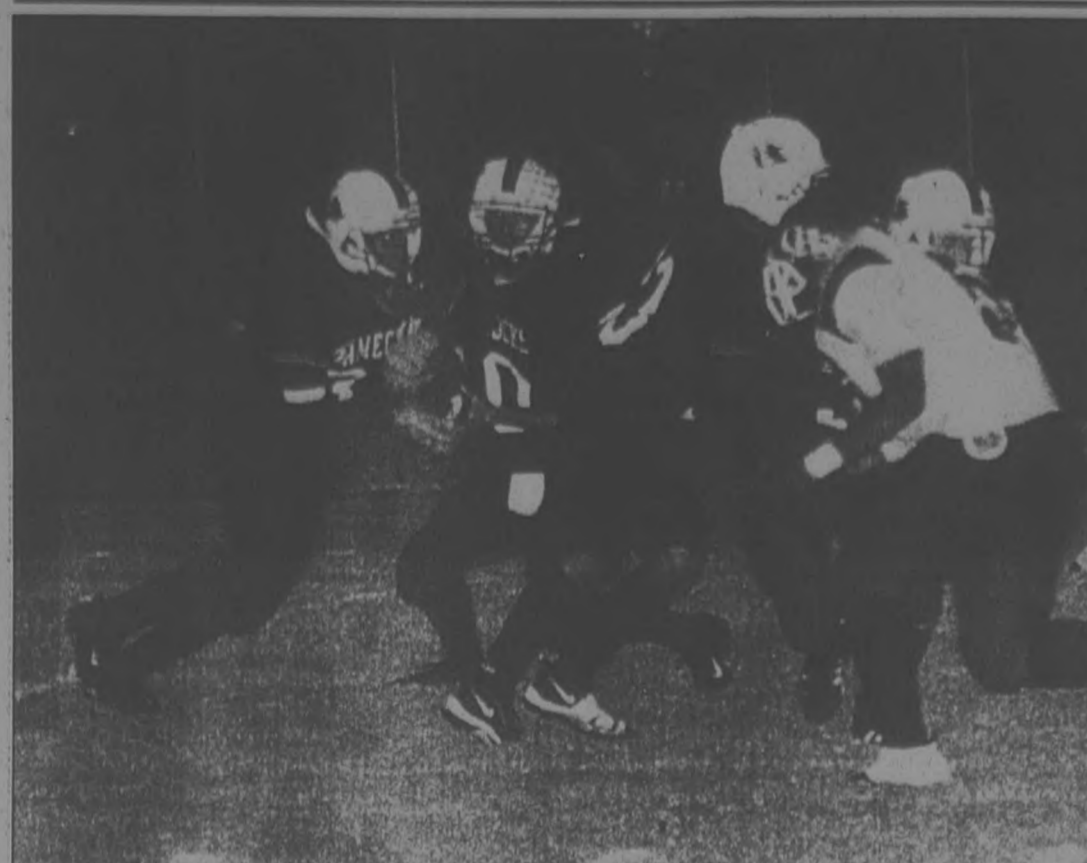
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New Brockton quarterback Derrick Cook (10) turns to hand off to a teammate during Friday night's 27-24 region win over Cottonwood. The Gamecocks improved their record to 4-1 with the win and will be looking to win their fourth straight game this week when they travel to Elba for their first-ever meeting with the Elba Tigers.



Zion Chapel band members had a reason to smile last week as the Rebels scored early and often to defeat Goshen 33-13 for their first win of the season.

Grab first win of season

Rebels run past Goshen 33-13

Statistics by Chris Winters
Photo by Janet Brunson

The Zion Chapel Rebels took no prisoners Friday night as they used a punishing ground game and a big play passing attack to bury the Goshen Eagles 33-13, at Zion Chapel's Green Memorial Stadium.

The win upped the Rebels' record to 1-4, 1-2 in region play, while Goshen slipped to 2-3 with the loss, 1-2 in region action.

Neither team was able to move the chains on the first three offensive possessions of the opening quarter, the Eagles came to life on their second possession and following a 25-yard punt return by Derrick Foster quickly moved into the endzone. Lacorey Teague scored the touchdown on a 32-yard dash, while the Rebels' Austin Smith blocked the extra-point as Goshen took a 6-0 lead with 6:51 remaining in the first quarter.

Zion Chapel took the ensuing kickoff and marched 60 yards in seven plays to answer the Eagle score. The key play in the scoring march came on fourth down and nine at the Goshen 45-yard line when the Rebels faked a punt and moved to within inches of the goal line on a 44-yard pass from Austin Smith to Abe Childs. Charlie Hurd scored on the next play from a yard out for the Zion Chapel touchdown and Childs kicked the extra-point as the Rebels moved ahead 7-6 with 3:21 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels' lead didn't last long, however, as on the ensuing kickoff Derrick Foster fielded the short kick at the 35-yard line and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was successful and with 3:04 remaining in the quarter Goshen took a 14-7 lead.

Both teams were stopped on fourth down gambles on their initial possessions of the third quarter, while the Rebels began their second offensive series at their own 41-yard line following an Eagle punt.

Zion Chapel was determined

Smith took off on a 90-yard scoring march that ate up almost six minutes off the clock. Hurd gained 34 yards on seven carries during the 13-play drive, while Smith gained 35 yards on two carries and connected with Brandon Taylor on a 6-yard touchdown pass on fourth down and three to get the Rebels back in the endzone. Abe Childs booted the extra-point and with 9:05 left in the second quarter Zion Chapel had regained the lead at 14-13.

Zion Chapel had chances to score on its next two offensive series, but let both scoring threats go by the scoreboard as the Rebels remained 14-13. The Rebels began one possession at the Goshen 25-yard line after a bad snap on a punt attempt, but lost 12 yards on a fumble and never recovered as they were forced to punt.

The next Rebel possession began at the Goshen 46-yard line following an Eagle punt, but once again the Rebels failed to cash in on the excellent field-position as on the second play of the series Zion Chapel lost a fumble at the Eagle 30.

Zion Chapel got the ball right back after the fumble on a fumble recovery by the Rebels' Charlie Hurd at the Goshen 30-yard line, and seven plays later the Rebels were back in the endzone. A 6-yard pass from Austin Smith added 57 yards on 12 carries and completed 4 passes for 60 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Lacorey Teague gained 49 yards on 4 carries to lead Goshen and Mario McLeod caught 1 pass for 32 yards.

to travel by ground on the series and did just that as the Rebels marched 59 yards in 10 plays to add to their advantage. Michael Sneed gained 9 yards on the first play of the drive to get the Rebels headed in the right direction, while Charlie Hurd gained 48 yards on eight carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 7:05 left in the fourth quarter Zion Chapel was now on top 27-13.

The Rebels' Abe Childs intercepted an Eagle pass on Goshen's first play after the kickoff to set Zion Chapel up at the Goshen 48-yard line, and the Rebels wasted little time marching down the field to reach pay dirt. The scoring drive consisted of seven running plays, with Charlie Hurd getting the call on five plays and responding with 28 yards rushing and the touchdown on a 1-yard blast up the middle. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 3:22 left in the game the Rebels were in command with a 33-13 advantage.

The Rebels recovered an Eagle fumble on the ensuing possession and then ran out the clock as they claimed the big 33-13 win!

Charlie Hurd gained 205 yards on 38 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Rebel running attack, while Austin Smith added 57 yards on 12 carries and completed 4 passes for 60 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Lacorey Teague gained 49 yards on 4 carries to lead Goshen and Mario McLeod caught 1 pass for 32 yards.

Zion Chapel was determined

	STATISTICS	
ZC		C
19	1st Downs	3
58-293	Rushes-Yds.	14-73
60	Passing Yds.	32
353	Total Offense	105
4-10	Passes	1-9
14/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/2
5-28	Penalties-Yds.	5-28

Improves record to 4-1

Brockton bops Bears 27-24

By Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted one of their biggest wins in years Friday night by claiming an exciting 27-24 come-from-behind victory over the Cottonwood Bears, in a key Class 2A, Region 2 match-up in New Brockton.

The win upped the Gamecocks' record to 4-1, 2-1 in region play, while the Bears slipped to 3-2 with the loss, 2-1 in region action.

Sheridan Foster gained 125 yards on 13 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Gamecocks, while Junior Magwood added 54 yards on 17 carries and scored 2 touchdowns and Justin West gained 73 yards on 10 carries and also scored 1 touchdown. Tanner Medley led the way on defense with 11 tackles and Wesley McCormick pitched in with 8 stops.

New Brockton wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as Justin West crossed the goal line for the first score of the night. A key play in the drive was a 5-yard gain by Sheridan Foster on fourth down and two that kept the drive alive early, while the score came on the next play when West took a handoff and broke loose on a 47-yard scoring dash. Heath Danford booted the extra-point and with 8:55 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks owned a 7-0 lead.

Cottonwood answered the Gamecock score on its ensuing possession when the Bears' quarterback scampered 66 yards around the left end for a touchdown, and the Bears also tackled on the extra-point as Cottonwood pulled even at 7-7 with 6:21 remaining in the opening quarter.

New Brockton bounced right back after the Bear touchdown and drove 55 yards in nine plays to regain the lead. Junior Magwood capped off the scoring drive with a 2-yard touchdown run around the right end, and Danford again booted the extra-point to put the Gamecocks back on top 14-7 with 4:47 still left in the opening stanza.

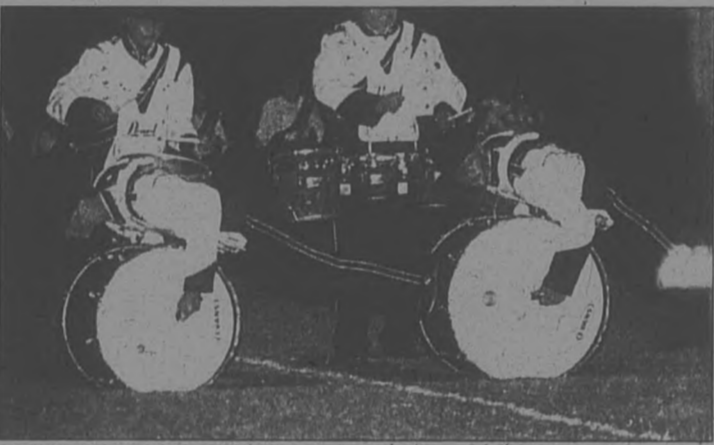
Cottonwood headed back down the field following the kickoff and once again reached paydirt to cut into the Gamecock advantage. A key play in the scoring drive came when the Bears converted on a third down and six with a 39-yard pass that gave Cottonwood a first down and goal at the New Brockton 8-yard line. Three plays later the Bears were back in the endzone, but the extra-point attempt failed and New Brockton was still on top 14-13.

Cottonwood received the second half kickoff and wasted little time taking its first lead of the night as on the third play from scrimmage Michael Curry broke loose and raced 45 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try was successful, and with 10:49 left in the third quarter the Bears had taken the lead at 21-14.

The Bears regained possession at the New Brockton 26-yard line following a shanked punt and appeared ready to take command. However, the Gamecock defense refused to let the Bears back in the endzone and forced Cottonwood to settle



Gamecock quarterback Derrick Cook (10) gets a well deserved break on the sidelines in last week's 27-24 region win over Cottonwood.



OVER A BARRELL...Members of the New Brockton Marching Band perform during halftime ceremonies last week in the Gamecocks game against Cottonwood.

for a 27-yard field-goal that upped the Bears lead to 24-14 with 5:15 still remaining in the third quarter.

While the field-goal gave the Bears a 10-point lead, it seemed to pump an urgency into the Gamecocks as New Brockton took command on both sides of the ball and began a comeback that Gamecocks fans will long remember!

The Gamecocks marched 71 yards in only five plays midway through the fourth quarter and scored on a 15-yard run by Junior Magwood to cut into the Cottonwood advantage, and when Heath Danford booted the extra-point New Brockton trailed 24-21 with 5:14 remaining on the clock.

The New Brockton defense did its job by forcing a three and out, and the Gamecock offense came back on the field at its own 29-yard line following a Cottonwood punt.

The Gamecocks were left with a third down and eight after two plays, and on the key third down play Derrick Cook lofted a pass to Dee Finley. The football went through Finley's hands and off his helmet, but then bounced high into the air and into the hands of Ted Eubanks, who pulled in the deflection and raced down the sidelines to the Cottonwood 12-

	STATISTICS	
NB		C
12	1st Downs	8
46-257	Rushes-Yds.	35-214
87	Passing Yds.	36
344	Total Offense	250
2-4-0	Passes	3-6-1
1/0	Fumbles/Lost	0/0
2-15	Penalties-Yds.	6-30

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SPORTS

Remains undefeated

Brantley clobbers Kinston 46-7

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson



Everything but the kitchen sink...was used by the Brantley High School Marching Band Friday night as they entertained the crowd at the region game between the Brantley Bulldogs and the Kinston Bulldogs.



OFF AND RUNNING.... a Kinston running back is off and running as he heads upfield in last week's region contest against Brantley. This week the Bulldogs will host McKenzie.



Brantley's Lance Myers (24) finds plenty of room to run in the middle of the Kinston defense. This week the undefeated Bulldogs will travel to Florala for a key region clash against the Florala Wildcats.

AREA FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season will continue its region schedule this week and for teams in the area it will mean road trips for two of the three teams. Following is a preview of this week's action:

(1-4) McKenzie Tigers at (0-5) Kinston Bulldogs

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to snap their six game losing streak and get their first win of the season Friday night when they host the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs were held to only 28 yards in total offense last week in a big region loss to 1A power Brantley, but survived the game with no injuries, and this week should be fired up as they face an opponent that they can compete with. The Tigers opened the season with a 14-8 win over Flomaton to snap a 10-game losing streak, but have struggled since in losses to Pleasant Home 20-12, Goshen 7-6, Georgiana 48-13 and Antton 42-0. This game appears to be a toss-up, with the winner being the team that makes the fewest mistakes.

(1-4) Zion Chapel Rebels at (2-3) Pleasant Home Eagles

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to make it two straight wins and even their region record at 2-2 Friday night when they travel to Covington County to meet the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels unleashed a relentless running game last week to pound Goshen 33-13, and should be ready to play Friday night, needing a win to keep their playoff hopes alive and well. The Eagles haven't had any problems scoring points this season in their new pass-happy attack, but have struggled and will enter the game with a two-game losing streak. Pleasant Home has lost to Gulf Shores 48-34, New Brockton 14-12 and Florala 35-28, while posting wins over McKenzie 20-12 and Kinston 21-7. The Eagles will be the favorites in this region clash, but the Rebels now know they can win and this one could be closer than many expect.

(5-0) Brantley Bulldogs at (3-2) Florala Wildcats

The Brantley Bulldogs will put their unbeaten record and the top spot in the region standings on the line Friday night when they invade Florala to battle the high-powered Florala Wildcats. The Bulldogs have barely worked up a sweat this season in averaging over 40 points a game while rolling to five easy wins, but will find the level of competition a little tougher this week on the road and will have to play all four quarters to claim a win. The Wildcats have posted wins over J.U. Blacksher 26-0, Zion Chapel 47-0 and Pleasant Home 35-28, while falling to Antton 21-15 and Red Level 25-16. Florala needs a win to keep its region title hopes alive, and will defend its home turf with a vengeance. The Bulldogs will be heavy favorites and should have too many weapons for the Wildcats to handle.



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SPORTS

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Elba Tigers host New Brockton in 2004 homecoming clash

The Elba Tigers will celebrate "Homecoming 2004" and will be looking to snap a five-game losing streak and give their alumni and fans plenty to cheer about Friday night when they host the New Brockton Gamecocks in the first-ever meeting between the cross-county rivals on the gridiron.

The Tigers will carry a 0-5 record into the region match-up and stand 0-3 in region standings, while the Gamecocks will bring a 4-1 record into the clash with a 2-1 region slate.

"New Brockton has won three straight games and will come into this week's game after an emotional win over Cottonwood," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "I guarantee you they will be fired up and ready when they line up Friday night to play us. They have won four games overall and stand 2-1 in the region, and would like nothing better than to come in here and defeat us in our homecoming and get their third region win at the same time. New Brockton may not have a lot of players dressed out, but they have some players that love to play football and there is no doubt they will be sky high when they hit the field Friday night."

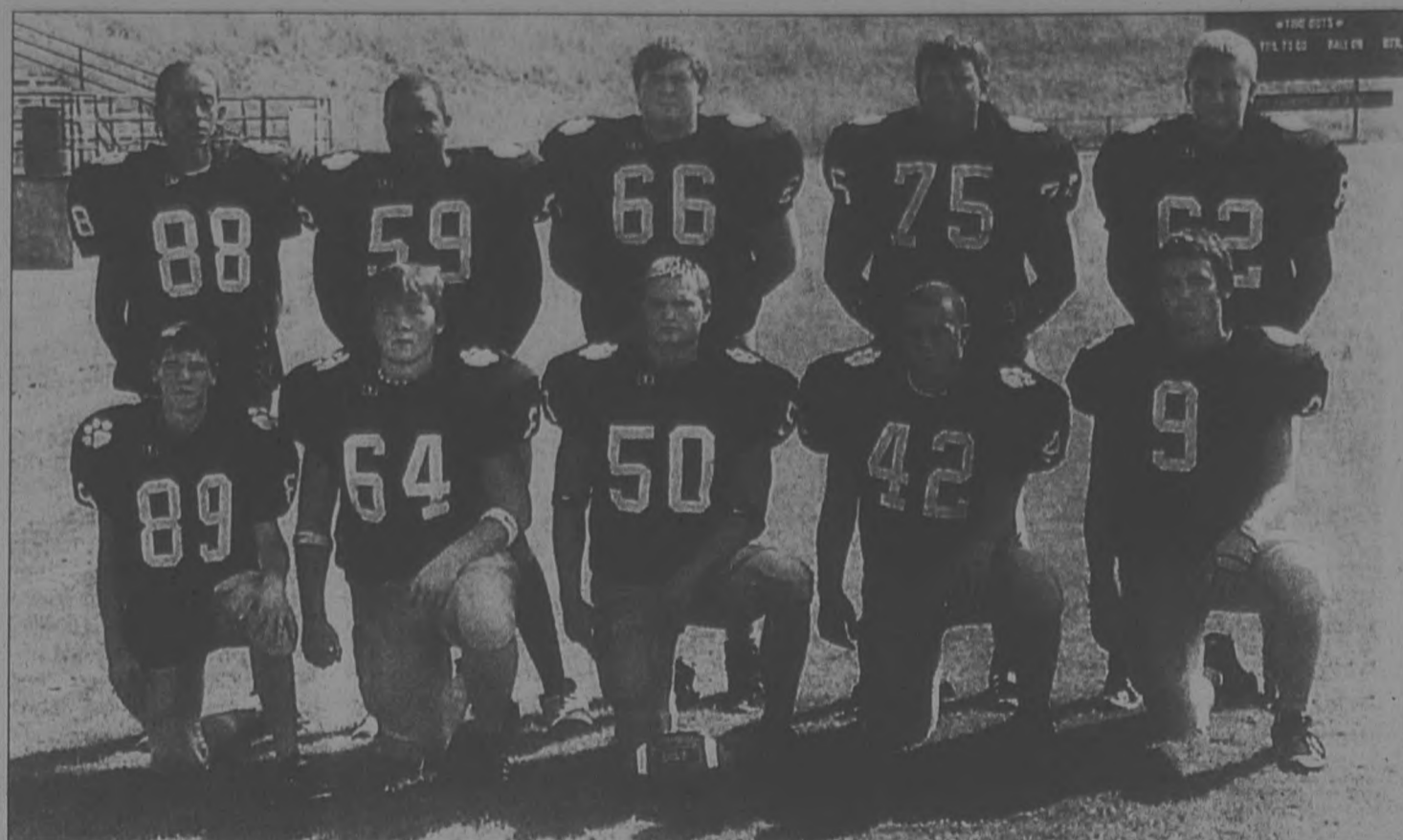
The Gamecocks of Coach Shannon Clark opened the season with a 14-1 win over Zion Chapel, but fell to Houston County 35-0 in week two to fall 0-1 in region play. That loss did little but refocused the Gamecocks on their goal to post a winning season and earn a spot in the state playoffs. However, since the loss have reeled off wins over Wicksburg 12-3, Pleasant Home 14-12 and Cottonwood 27-24.

"New Brockton runs out of the wing a lot much like Houston Academy," added Coach Rials, "and has averaged four touchdowns a game against

some pretty good opponents. They have a physical offensive line and three very good backs, and they just keep banging away with the run and play ball-control offense. Their offense puts points on the scoreboard and has the speed to score from anywhere on the field, but they like to control the tempo of the game and use the clock to keep the ball away from their opponents. At times New Brockton may not look like it is doing much on offense, but then you look up and they are near the endzone and ready to score a touchdown. It is an offense that can take command and one that we cannot allow to put together long, time-consuming drives."

"Over on defense New Brockton has some players that hunt folks to hit and they are very physical at just about every position on the field," added Rials. "They give up yards at times and some of their opponents have had some success both on the ground and through the air, but at the same time they have allowed only seven touchdowns in five games, which means they bend a little, but rarely break."

The New Brockton offense is directed by junior quarterback Derrick Cook (5-8, 150), while the Gamecocks have a trio of backs that have all gained over 100 yards this season and have combined to score 12 touchdowns. Sophomore Junior Magwood (5-8, 140) leads the way with six touchdowns, while sophomore Sheridan Foster (5-8, 150) had a big night with 125 yards in the win over Cottonwood and senior Tanner Medley (6-6, 205) has also scored three touchdowns. Medley is the Gamecocks' leader on defense with over 50 tackles in five games, while Wesley McCormick also provides some pop on New Brockton's hard-hitting defense.



2004 ELBA TIGER SENIORS...will hit the field Friday night when they host the New Brockton Gamecocks in the 2004 homecoming game. Seniors pictured above include (kneeling, l-r) Evan Tew (89), Kaleb Dyess (64), Bradley Banc (50), Ryan Gibbs (42), Joseph Platt (9), (standing, l-r) Jessie Thigpen (59), Jessie Schultz (66), Adam Spicer (75) and J.J. Farmer (62).

"If we hope to win Friday night against New Brockton we will have to play well on both sides of the ball and play with pride and emotion," stated Coach Rials, "but these players work hard every week in practice and we will have to play hard on every single down and try to take command at the line of scrimmage. New Brockton is going to line up and run the football at line like they have every team on their schedule, and we have got to play with pride, beat their blocks and get after their backs. This game could be won at the line of scrimmage, and that means we will have to play hard on every play against a team that loves to play hard-nosed,

and we must run the ball to help set up the pass. We have been very ineffective on offense to just settle down and do things we know we can do. On defense we will have to play hard on every single down and try to take command at the line of scrimmage. New Brockton is going to line up and run the football at line like they have every team on their schedule, and we have got to play with pride, beat their blocks and get after their backs. This game could be won at the line of scrimmage, and that means we will have to play hard on every play against a team that loves to play hard-nosed,

old-fashioned hit you in the mouth football."

"I know after five straight losses the players are down and the fans have their doubts about our ability to win," said Coach Rials, "but these players work hard every week in practice and we will have to play hard on every single down and try to take command at the line of scrimmage. New Brockton is going to line up and run the football at line like they have every team on their schedule, and we have got to play with pride, beat their blocks and get after their backs. This game could be won at the line of scrimmage, and that means we will have to play hard on every play against a team that loves to play hard-nosed,

will read 0-0 Friday night when we hit the field against New Brockton. We have already proven we can play with any team on our schedule when we play well, and maybe this week will be the week we put it all together and get that win we have been working so hard to get for the past six weeks."

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STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AMENDMENT #1

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2003 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, set out here as Act No. 2003-187, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 284, as amended, and the election laws of this state, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2003-187 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 2004, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
SB321

ENROLLED, An Act.

(a) The price be approved at a public meeting of the governing body of such county or municipality, and

(b) At least fourteen (14) days prior to such public meeting at which such price is approved by such governing body, it has published notice in the newspaper with the largest circulation in the county in which the property is located, (1) the acreage proposed to be sold, (2) the section or sections or subdivisions of record in which the property is located, (3) the price per acre at which sale is proposed to be made, and (4) the place where a map of the property can be examined by the public; and

(c) The price thus approved is no less than the price advertised as aforesaid, provided, however, that should any real property be acquired for any purpose authorized by this amendment by eminent domain pursuant to other legislative authority as aforesaid, such property shall not be sold in any event for less than the price determined and paid pursuant to the orders of the court in such condemnation proceedings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

For the promotion of local economic and industrial development, the governing body of Baldwin, Bullock, Coffee, Coosa, Dallas, Etowah, Geneva, Houston, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mazon, Marengo, Mobile, Morgan, Talladega, Madison, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa counties and of each municipality situated in said counties, other provisions of law or of this Constitution notwithstanding, shall each have, independently or in cooperation with one or more of such governmental entities in such counties, full and continuing power (a) to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, land, or to lease land heretofore purchased or otherwise acquired, and to improve and develop such land for use as industrial site, or industrial park, projects, including, but not limited to, grading and the construction of roads, drainage, sewers, sewage and waste disposal systems, parking areas and utilities to serve said projects; and (b) to lease, sell, grant, exchange, or otherwise convey, on terms approved by the governing body of the county, or of municipality exercising such power, all, or any part of any such project to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, including to any industrial development board or authority heretofore or hereafter created by any such county or municipality, for the purpose of the constructing or developing thereon, by such purchaser or lessee, and the equipping and operating of industrial transportation, distribution, warehouse or research facilities, and of office and other facilities auxiliary to the foregoing. Nothing herein shall authorize the counties named, or any municipality there, to construct residential or any other buildings for the purpose of lease or sale.

In carrying out the purposes of this amendment, neither the county nor any municipality named hereinabove, nor any municipality situated in any of the counties named hereinabove, shall be subject to the provisions of the provisions of sections 93 or 94 of the Constitution of Alabama, as amended. The provisions of this amendment shall be self-executing and the powers granted hereby may be exercised as alternative to, or cumulative with, and in no way restrictive of, powers otherwise granted by law to the county, or to any agency, board, or authority created or approved thereby pursuant to this Constitution or the laws of this state.

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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize Baldwin County and certain governmental entities within the county to have certain powers for the promotion of economic and industrial development in Baldwin County and the municipalities therein.

"Proposed by Act"

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes () No ()"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 2004, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama, be given by publishing the same in a newspaper published within each county authorized to publish legal advertisements.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the City of Montgomery on this 31st day of August, 2004.

B. B. RILEY
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Darryl L. Shelly
SECRETARY OF STATE

The names and addresses of all parties involved in conveyances

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AMENDMENT #2

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2003 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, set out here as Act No. 2003-203, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 284, as amended, and the election laws of this state, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2003-203 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 2004, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
HB587

ENROLLED, An Act.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Section 256 and Section 256, as amended, by removing references to segregation of schools by race, and to repeal Section 256, Amendment 30, and Amendment 109, relating to poll taxes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
HB587

(a) Section 256 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to read as follows:

Section 256. The legislature shall establish, organize, and maintain a liberal system of public schools throughout the state for the benefit of the children thereof between the ages of seven and twenty-one years. The public school fund shall be apportioned to the several counties in proportion to the number of school children of school age therein, and shall be so apportioned to the schools in the districts or townships in the counties as to provide, as nearly as practicable, a school for each child of school age in each district or township. ~~Separate schools shall be provided for white and colored children, and no child of either race shall be permitted to attend a school of the other race.~~

(b) Section 256 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, by Amendment 111, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 256. It is the policy of the state of Alabama to foster and promote the education of its citizens in a manner and extent consistent with its available resources and the willingness and ability of the individual student, but nothing in this Constitution shall be construed as creating or recognizing any right to education or training of public employees, nor as limiting the authority and duty of the legislature in furthering or providing for education, or requiring or imposing conditions or procedures deemed necessary to the preservation of peace and order."

"Section 256. It is the policy of the state of Alabama to foster and promote the education of its citizens in a manner and extent consistent with its available resources and the willingness and ability of the individual student, but nothing in this Constitution shall be construed as creating or recognizing any right to education or training of public employees, nor as limiting the authority and duty of the legislature in furthering or providing for education, or requiring or imposing conditions or procedures deemed necessary to the preservation of peace and order."

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the City of Montgomery on this 31st day of August, 2004.

B. B. RILEY
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Darryl L. Shelly
SECRETARY OF STATE

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STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AMENDMENT #3

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Session of 2003 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, set out here as Act No. 2004-34, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 284, as amended, and the election laws of this state, and

WHEREAS, notice of this election together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2004-34 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 2004, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
HB319

ENROLLED, An Act.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize a county to perform certain actions for the purpose of economic and industrial development in the county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
HB319

(a) The governing body of any county, and the governing body of any municipality located therein, for which a local constitutional amendment has been adopted, shall be subject to the provisions of this amendment, and the powers granted by this amendment may be exercised as an alternative to, or cumulative with, and in no way restrictive of, powers otherwise granted by law to the county, or to any agency, board, or authority created pursuant to the laws of this state.

(b) In carrying out the purpose of this amendment, neither the county nor any municipality located therein shall be subject to the provisions of the provisions of sections 93 or 94 of the Constitution of Alabama, as amended. The provisions of this amendment shall be self-executing and the powers granted hereby may be exercised as alternative to, or cumulative with, and in no way restrictive of, powers otherwise granted by law to the county, or to any agency, board, or authority created pursuant to the laws of this state.

(c) Notwithstanding any incidental benefit accruing to any private entity or entities:

(2) At least seven days prior to the public meeting, a notice is published in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county or municipality, as the case may be, describing in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken, a description of the public benefits sought to be achieved by the action, and identifying each individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity to whom or for whose benefit the county or the municipality proposes to lend its credit or grant public funds or thing of value.

Nothing in this amendment shall authorize the county commission to own or operate a cable television system.

(d) This amendment shall have prospective application only. Any local constitutional amendments previously adopted and any certain actions for the purpose of economic and industrial development in the county shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

"Proposed by Act"

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes () No ()"

I further direct and proclaim that notice of this election to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of November, 2004, upon the above set forth proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama, be given by publishing the same in a newspaper published within each county authorized to publish legal advertisements.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the City of Montgomery on this 31st day of August, 2004.

B. B. RILEY
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Darryl L. Shelly
SECRETARY OF STATE

The names and addresses of all parties involved in conveyances

tutional amendment has not been adopted authorizing any of the following, shall have full and continuing power to do any of the following:

(1) Use public funds to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire real property, buildings, plants, factories, facilities, machinery, and equipment of any kind, or to utilize the properties heretofore purchased or otherwise acquired, and improve and develop the properties for use as sites for industry of any kind or as industrial park projects, including, but not limited to, grading and the construction of roads, drainage, sewers, sewage and waste disposal systems, parking areas, and utilities to serve the sites or projects.

(2) Lease, sell, grant, exchange, or otherwise convey, on terms approved by the governing body of the county or the municipality, as applicable, all or any part of any real property, buildings, plants, factories, facilities, machinery, and equipment of any kind or industrial park project to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, including any industrial development board or other public corporation or authority heretofore or hereafter created by the county or the municipality, for the purpose of constructing, developing, equipping, and operating industrial, commercial, research, or service facilities of any kind.

(3) Land its credit to or grant public funds and things of value in aid of or to any individual, firm, corporation, or other business entity, public or private, for the purpose of promoting the economic and industrial development of the county or the municipality.

(4) Become indebted and issue bonds, warrants which may be payable from funds to be realized in future years, notes, or other obligations, or evidences of indebtedness to a principal amount not exceeding 50 percent of the assessed value of taxable property therein as determined for state taxation, in order to secure funds for the purchase, construction, lease, or acquisition of any of the property or the development in development in furtherance of any of the other powers or authorities granted in this amendment. The obligations or evidences of indebtedness may be issued upon the full faith and credit of the county or any municipality or may be limited as to the source of their payment.

The recital in any bonds, warrants, notes, or other obligations that they were issued pursuant to this amendment or that they were issued to provide funds to the county or any municipality or power or authority herein authorized shall be conclusive, and no purchaser or holder thereof need inquire further. The bonds, warrants, notes, or other obligations that they were issued pursuant to this amendment or that they were issued to provide funds to the county or any municipality or power or authority herein authorized shall be conclusive, and no purchaser or holder thereof need inquire further. The bonds, warrants, notes, or other obligations that they were issued pursuant to this amendment or that they were issued to provide funds to the county or any municipality or power or authority herein authorized shall be conclusive, and no purchaser or holder thereof need inquire further. 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COMMUNITY NEWS

Class of 1954 to hold 50th Class Reunion October 8th & 9th



The Elba High School Class of 1954 will celebrate their 50th year reunion October 8th and 9th during homecoming. Over 90 members and spouses have indicated attendance for a weekend of fun and fellowship, and to support the school and the Elba Tigers. Pictured **Front Row:** Mr. S.J. Casey, Principal; Willie Ray Crocker, Nina Hudson, Ramona Cowen, Lanette Barlow, "Celia English, Toisye Dismukes, "Emma Jean Fuller, Emile Michel, Betty Wise, Jean Boswell, Nellie Knotts, Barbara Granham, Nella Merle Stevens, Sara Faye Lewis, Robert McCollough, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Sponsor. **Second Row:** Jack Padgett, Merle Leddon, Elouise Parker, Fairy Maddox, "Travis Bowers, Wylline Rogers, Elaine Bullard, "Geraldine Crook, Robbie Farris, Myra Parker, Mary Dean Nevels, Magraha Crook, Betty Parrish, Robert Newton. **Third Row:** "Lloyd White, Bobby Boutwell, Herschel Williams, James Kelly, Ronald Farris, A.C. Brunson, "Owen Ziglar, Kimmy Ham, Harry Jacobs, Felix Coon, Lamar Knotts, Jimmy Smith, Bobby Hudson, Paul Stroud, Richard Norman. **Fourth Row:** Roy Frank Davis, Lanola Bragg, "Elliott Kendrick, Ann Harris, Bert English. **Fifth Row:** Charles Danford, Janara Hornsby, Peggy Hudson, Virginia Strickland, Shirley Brooks, Nell Williams, Ann Miles, "Emma Jo Dewberry, Peggy Holloway, Mary Ann Clark, Carolyn Hudson, Annie Jim Dorman, Andy Kinney. **Sixth Row:** Jack Parker, Charles Ellis, Jeff Ham, Robert Jernigan, Owen Free, Doyle Morrow, Mary Virginia Ammons, Betty Brown Walden, Marlene Willis, "Jane Free, Robert Moore, Bill Poole, Leroy Hudson, John Dan Lowery, Wayne Hamm, "Deceased

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such a wonderful feeling to be one of them. It demonstrates the increasing awareness of blood related cancers and the compassionate nature of the human spirit.

When we signed on to join Team in Training in May of this year we were asked to choose an honor patient, someone whose life had been changed by one of these illnesses. I chose to run in honor of Robyn, and Robyn chose to run in honor of a close friend of her brother. These two honor patients echo the mixed emotions of this entire experience for us. We have heard several families tell stories of lost loved ones and many others tell of how their child or loved one beat the odds. Many are still fighting bravely. So this is our story: there is always hope. If you know someone "stricken" with blood related cancer, tell them the story of a little girl who beat it and who grew up to be a beautiful and intelligent young veterinarian. Tell them that there is always hope.

Barney Wilborn

Dear Editor:
The steps taken in life originate from humble beginnings. At first awkward, unsteady and unsure, then later balanced, firm and confident. The placement of each foot in front of the other for the sole purpose of moving forward, often times having to make adjustments in our gait to compensate for rocky ground or slippery surfaces. Sometimes we are encouraged to read lightly, while other times we are pressed to march soundly on. As children we are taught to keep in step and steady pace. As adolescents we are encouraged to develop a firm footing but always remain on our path. As we get older we find it harder to keep in step and we begin to look behind us only to find that the next generation has gained ground on us. Sometimes we are forced to take a step back

to evaluate the course we chosen. For those that are fortunate enough to be called senior citizens, the pace has slowed considerably and the once sure, confident and steady steps taken in youth are now scripted and often times treasured. There are several reasons why we should keep this process in mind when evaluating the world we live in today. "Never judge another until you have walked a mile in their shoes". Forest Gump said that he had worn many shoes in life. The statement itself is quite profound when you really think about it. We stand in judgment of people each and every day of our lives. We take notice of the types of shoes people wear each day and we form opinions almost instantly as to their social worth, status and style. Men these days now rival women in ownership of many different types, styles and pairs of shoes. A few years ago a Christmas song "New Shoes"

gained tremendous popularity by describing the want of a small child simply to give a sick mother a new pair of shoes. People of different cultures wear different types of shoes. Yet we judge those cultures by the standard of which we are accustomed to. How many of us learned in school that the Dutch wore wooden shoes? Or thought that all Japanese people wore sandals?

From the moment man began to walk upright the path has never been clear or certain as to the direction he would travel. The certainty he has in his travels he will encounter another that may not be exactly like himself. As we reach to stars for answers to unlock the secrets of the universe, perhaps we will encounter another man's first encounter with this alien society. As we extend the hand of man to acknowledge our presence in the universe our eyes slowly drift down only to discover that they have no feet and we

Leslie Stinson graduates from the University of Alabama

Leslie Stinson recently graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS degree in Accounting. While attending the university she was involved in several activities including Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honorary Society, Deans List for summer quarter, Student Government Association fund raising committee, Fall Judicial Board, Panhellenic fund raising committee, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority activities chairperson, Phi Delta Sigma Community Service chairperson, and organized speaking events for Senator Phil Poole. She was selected as an ambassador for the University of Alabama for Introduction to Corporate America in which she traveled to New York City for seven days, meeting not only with the "Big Four" firms but also Fortune 500 companies.



Leslie Stinson
She is now obtaining a master's degree in Accounting at the university.
Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Stinson and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Galimore and Mrs. Edna Stinson and the late Earl Stinson.

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